UNDER THE AEGIS

BY VIMEODIEE

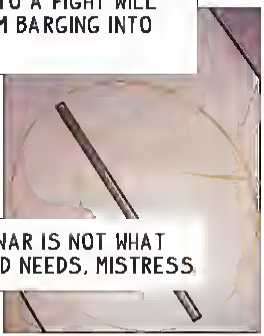
FORGIVE ME FOR THE LATE HOUR, MISTRESS. BUT I HAVE RECEIVED THE MOST TROUBLING NEWS FROM THALASSA AND EIDEN CRAIG.

I HEARD. AND SO HAS THAT FOOL OF THE FENN CHIEF, WHO PLANS TO FOLLOW SUIT.

I HAVE SUGGESTED A DIALOGUE BETWEEN TEMPLOS, EIDEN CRAIG AND THALASSA IN AN EFFORT TO TALK THEM OUT OF REMOVING THEIR WIELDERS FROM THEIR LOCATION

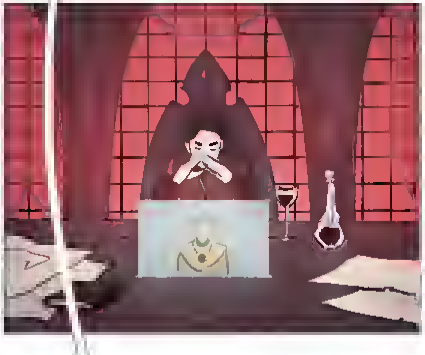
WELL, IF YOU DON'T MIND ME SAYING SO, I DON'T EXPECT THAT'LL WORK

I'LL HANDLE THE FENN CHIEF, MAYBE CHALLENGING HIM TO A FIGHT WILL DISTRACT HIM FROM BARGING INTO THE CAPITAL

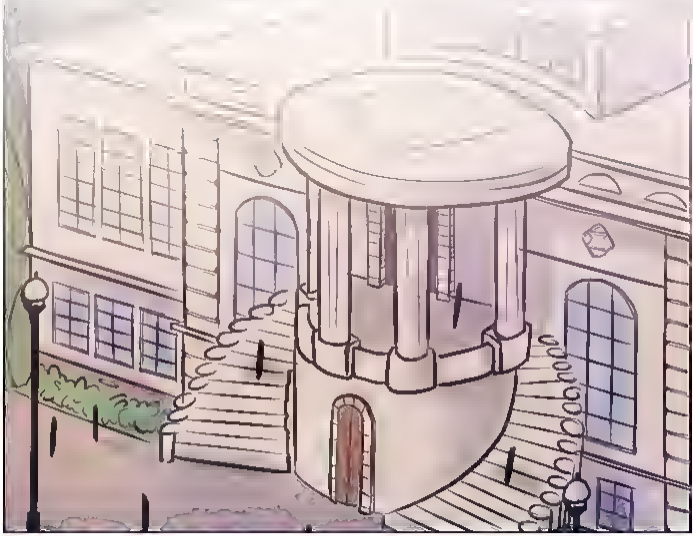


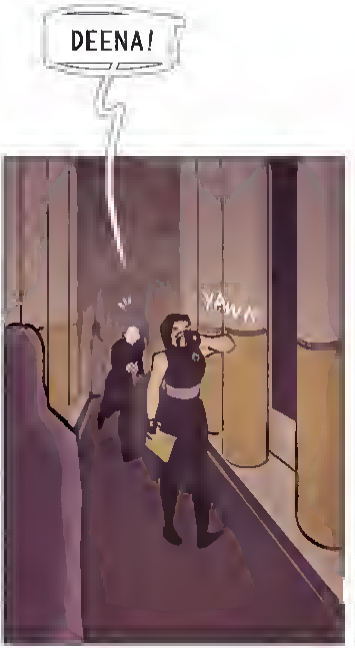
ANOTHER WAR IS NOT WHAT THIS WORLD NEEDS, MISTRESS

NO. BUT IT'S THE BEST PLAN WE'VE GOT. KEEP THE WIELDERS ALIVE AND TOGETHER. THAT'S WHAT EACH RACE WAS TAUGHT AND THAT'S WHAT I'LL FIGHT FOR.



SO I ADVISE YOU TO PREPARE YOUR ARMIES AS WELL, YOUR GRACE.




DEENA!
YAWN

I NEED A HUGE FAVOUR--

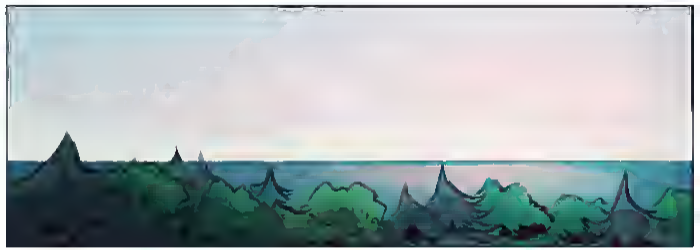
I HAVE TO TAKE THE AFTERNOON OFF IF ANYONE ASKS, COULD YOU SAY THAT I'M HELPING YOU IN THE MUSEUM?

SURE, I'LL COVER FOR YOU.

THANKS. HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP?

EH, COULD BE BETTER. I GOTTA MEET WITH COUNCILWOMAN ALLURA AND THE GENERAL. I WAS UP ALL NIGHT PREPARING.

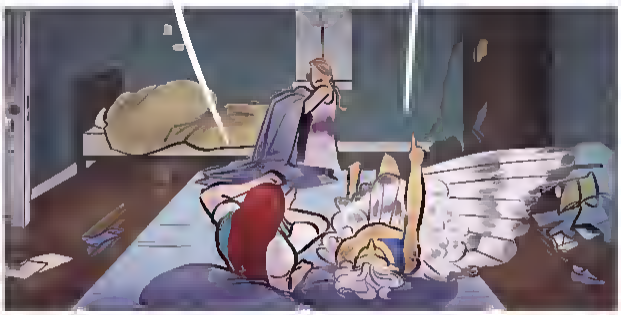
I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT LATER, OKAY, ARGS? GOOD LUCK!
YOU TOO!



UP!
EVERYBODY UP!

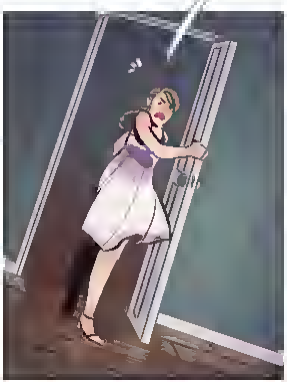
WHUH? S'TOO EARLY??

IF I AIN'T UP YET IT'S 'CUZ IT AIN'T TIME TO BE AWAKE



MAYBE YOU GUYS HAVEN'T NOTICED...

...BUT THIS HOUSE IS *FILTHY!*


AND I'M NOT CLEANING IT BY MYSELF SO GET UP GET UP! WE HAVE LOTS OF WORK TO DO!

YOU TOO, SAM!

NOOOO...
NOT THIS AGAIN

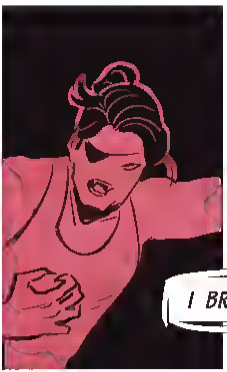
PLEASE, I NEED YOU. THIS HOUSE IS DISGUSTING!

YOU CAN SLEEP WHEN EVERYTHING IS CLEAN!

NAHH, I CANT BELIEVE THE ONLY TIME YOU CLEANED IN GOLGOTHA WAS 'CUZ YOU WENT ALL BERSERK

ONLY BECAUSE I WAS FORCED BY MY CREATOR. A DECADE LATER ONE OF HER OLDER OFFSPRING TRIED TO BULLY ME INTO CLEANING UP ONE OF *HIS* MESSES

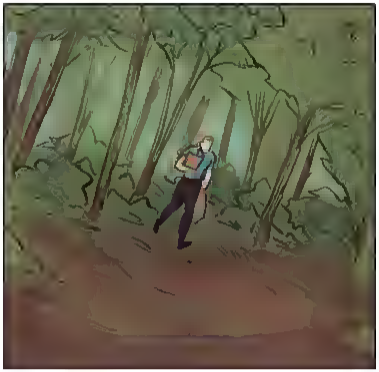
TRIED? WHAT HAPPENED?



I BROKE HIS NECK

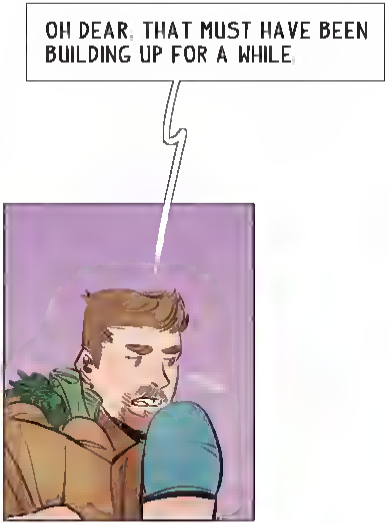
SPLAT
STOP DISTRACTING THEM AND GET BACK TO WORK!

AS YOU COMMAND



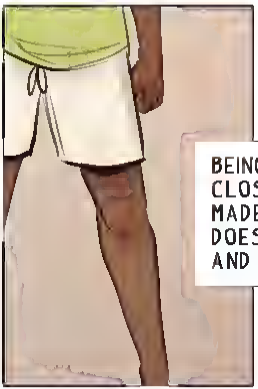
SHILOH! WHY ARE YOU OUT HERE ALONE?
HELLO ARGUS!

MATTIE HAS EVERYONE CLEANING THE WHOLE PLACE, SO I THOUGHT I'D BE PRODUCTIVE AS WELL


OH DEAR. THAT MUST HAVE BEEN BUILDING UP FOR A WHILE.

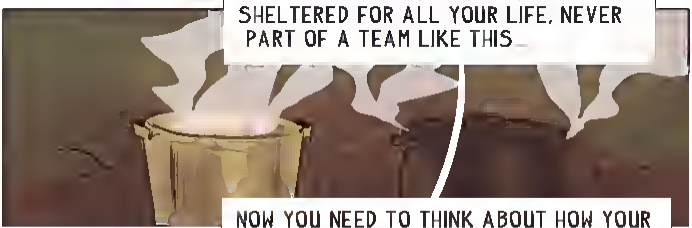
I SHOULD PROBABLY GO IN AND STOP HER—
ARGUS. WAIT—!

I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY. ALL MY LIFE I'VE JUST BEEN WAITING AND EXISTING INSTEAD OF *DOING*.



BEING SO CLOSE TO MY STAFF, SO CLOSE TO FINDING ANSWERS, IT'S MADE ME RECKLESS. I KNOW THIS DOESN'T EXCUSE MY BEHAVIOUR AND I'VE DISAPPOINTED YOU--

NO. I UNDERSTAND, SHILOH. YOU'VE BEEN SHELTERED FOR ALL YOUR LIFE, NEVER PART OF A TEAM LIKE THIS...



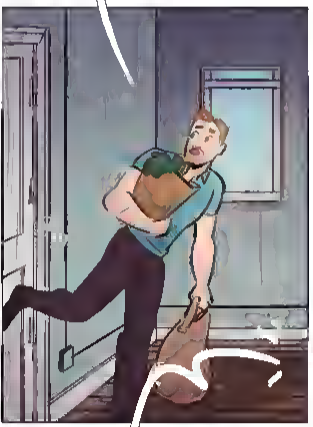
NOW YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT HOW YOUR DECISIONS CAN AFFECT THE OTHERS

THE LAST THING I WANT IS FOR ANY OF THEM TO GET HURT!
I'M LEARNING THINGS EVERY DAY BESIDE THEM...I PROMISE I WON'T LET YOU OR THEM DOWN AGAIN.
I'M VERY GLAD TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT, SHILOH.

SO... WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE MAKING?
BEER!

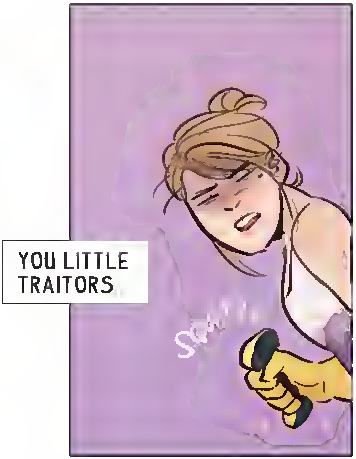
WHAT

HAS ANYONE NOTICED THAT SHILOH IS BREWING ALCOHOL OUTSIDE--?



ARGUS, I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!!

HELP US, SHE'S MAD WITH POWER!
WE'RE SO *TIRED*.


YOU LITTLE TRAITORS

PLEASE THANK YOUR UNCLE AGAIN FOR THE NEW CLOTHES, HE REALLY DIDN'T NEED TO GO TO ALL THE TROUBLE--
NONSENSE, YOU'VE BEEN BORROWING OUR CLOTHES FOR FAR TOO LONG!

HE BROUGHT SEEDS FOR THE GARDEN TOO WE SHOULD PLANT SOME SOON

HE LIKED THE IDEA OF US MAINTAINING OURSELVES INDEPENDENTLY LIKE THAT

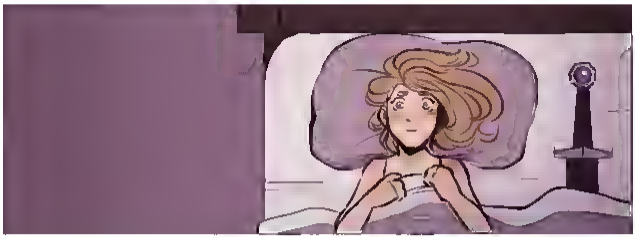
AND HE WAS SHOCKED AND IMPRESSED WITH SHILOH'S BEER BREWING AS WELL!

IT'S NOT SO HARD. ALTHOUGH THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I DO IT COMPLETELY ALONE SO I HOPE NOTHING EXPLODES.

AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T BLOW THE WAY *SOMEONE* DID TODAY, I THINK WE'LL BE JUST FINE.

SOMEONE? *ME?* YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT *ME?* I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU MEAN, HOW CAN YOU EVEN--

WHAT'S WRONG WITH WANTING A SQUEAKY CLEAN HOUSE??



...SIENNA? ARE YOU AWAKE?
MMM...

YEAH, A FEW TIMES.

OH. UM. WHEN WAS THE FIRST TIME?

HMMM. SOME YEARS AGO. WITH A GUY A FEW TREES AWAY. HE WAS AN IDIOT.

OH.

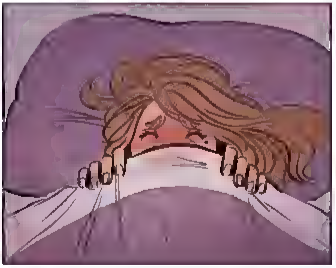
MATTIE

...MM?

IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO HURT. IF IT DOES, THEY'RE DOING IT WRONG. AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, IT'S OKAY TO STOP.

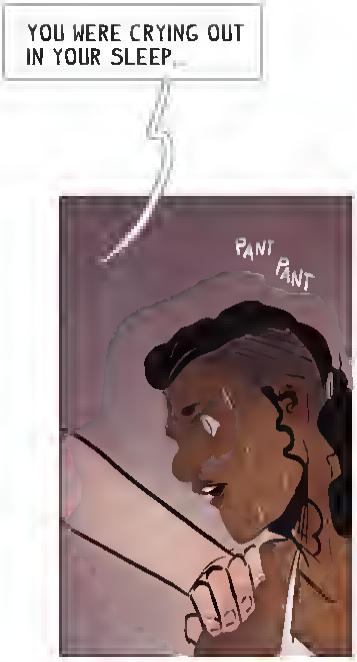
O--OKAY. UM, TH-- THANKS, SIENNA.

WHATEVER, GO TO SLEEP



SHILOH...!

SHILOH, WAKE UP!


YOU WERE CRYING OUT IN YOUR SLEEP.
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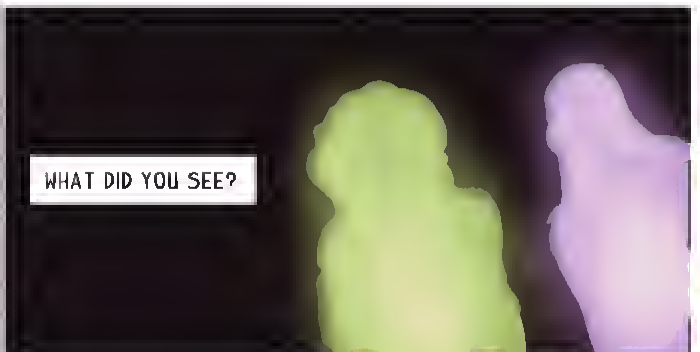
WHAT DID YOU SEE?